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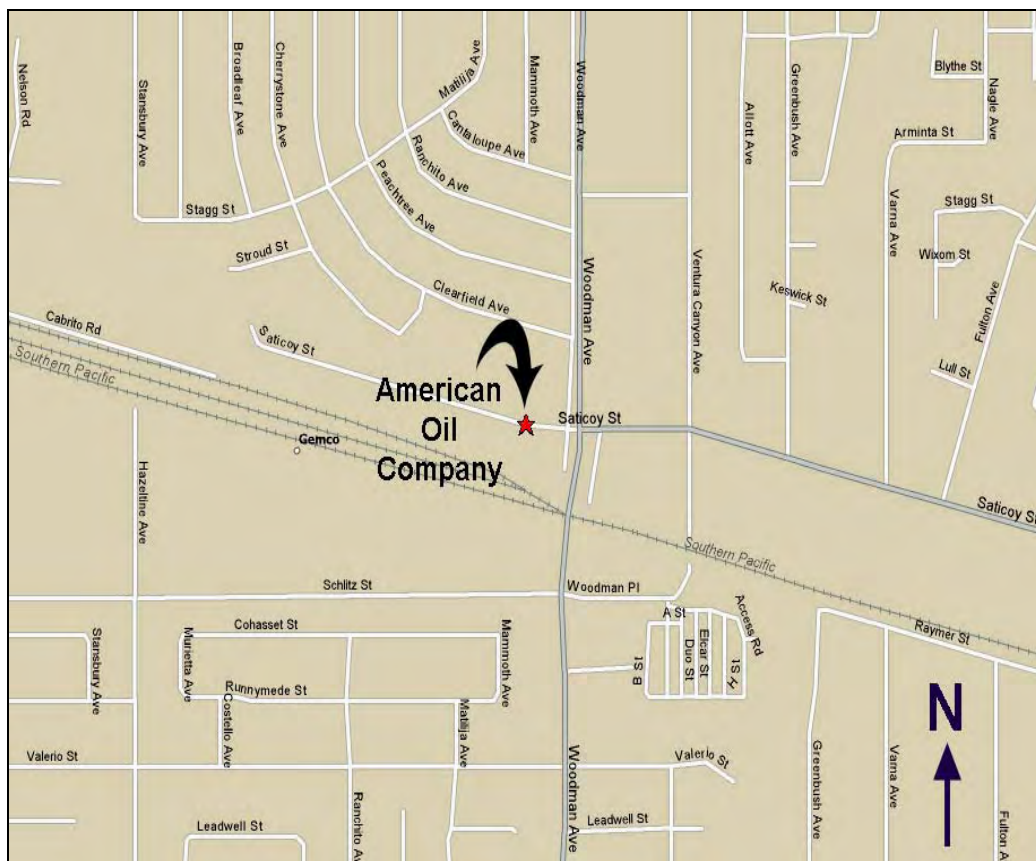
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Fact Sheet, April 2006

AMERICAN OIL COMPANY SEEKS HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY PERMIT

13736 – 13740 Saticoy Street
Van Nuys, California 91402

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comments on a Draft Series C, Standardized Hazardous Waste Facility Permit, and Draft Negative Declaration for American Oil Company (AOC) located at 13736 – 13740 Saticoy Street in Van Nuys, California. **(please see map below for facility location)**



Public Hearing May 10, 2006

DTSC will hold a public hearing on May 10, 2006 at the Panorama City Public Library from 6:00 – 8:00 pm., located at 14345 Roscoe Blvd. in Panorama City (Call 818- 894- 4071).

The 45-day public comment period will be open from April 7, 2006 to May 22, 2006.



What Does American Oil Company Do?

AOC has been operating at the site since 2000 as a hazardous wastes transporter, picking up mainly used oil. Used oil is required to be managed as a hazardous waste in California pursuant to the California Health and Safety Code section 25250.4. AOC also picks up solid waste contaminated with oil. Currently AOC's tanker trucks leave the facility in the morning, pick up used oil, and return to the facility in the evening. The used oil and solid waste contaminated with oil may remain at the facility for up to ten days but they must remain in their original containers. The facility is secured with a locked gate. Only AOC trucks go in and out of the facility.

The Standardized Permit, if approved, would allow AOC to pump the used oil from smaller tanker trucks to one larger (up to 7,000 gallons) tanker trailer. The Standardized Permit would designate an area inside the 13736 Saticoy Street Warehouse building for loading/unloading of used oil. The Standardized Permit would also allow AOC to consolidate the solid waste contaminated with oil into one 4.32 cubic yards dump trailer. AOC is expected to send the tanker trailer and dump trailer to appropriate treatment facilities when they are full.

Why Issue a Permit?

Consolidating used oil from small tanker trucks into a larger tanker trailer and storing it is considered storage of a hazardous waste and requires a permit from DTSC. Owners must submit a permit application containing technical information about the facility and its operations. The permit application information includes equipment design, waste analysis plan, emergency response plan, closure plan, and other pertinent information. DTSC conducts a technical review of the permit application and determines if the application meets all applicable standards. DTSC then prepares a draft permit based on the technical

adequacy of the application. DTSC has determined that AOC application is technically complete and has prepared the draft permit for public input before DTSC makes a final permit decision.

What Will Be Regulated by the Permit?

There are three hazardous waste management units to be authorized under the Permit:

Unit #1 – Loading/Unloading Area. The Loading/Unloading Area will be located within the 13736 Saticoy Street building which measures approximately 40 feet by 90 feet, with four-inch berms. Activities allowed in this unit include the transfer of used oil from small tanker trucks to a larger tanker trailer for the purpose of consolidation. The maximum permitted capacity of the unit is 3,000 gallons, including the tanker truck and containers.

Unit #2 – Used Oil Storage Area. AOC will store the used oil in a tank trailer with a maximum permitted capacity of up to 7000 gallons. The tanker trailer will be parked in a covered area between two warehouse buildings. The Storage Area measures approximately 14 feet by 90 feet, with a 4-inch berm in the front and a two-foot berm in the back. The only waste allowed in this area will be used oil.

Unit #3 – Solid Waste Storage Area. The area will measure approximately 14 feet by 20 feet and will be in the parking lot outside the northern end of the 13736 Saticoy Street building. The maximum permitted storage capacity of this Unit is 4.32 cubic yards in one dump trailer.

Si desea mas informacion en Espanol, comuniquese con Jesus Cruz, Especialista en Participacion Publica al numero

1-(866)-495-5651

We Conducted an Environmental Assessment of the Proposed Hazardous Waste Management Activities

As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), DTSC evaluated whether the hazardous waste management activities (storage and transfer of hazardous waste) would harm the environment. We have determined that the AOC's management activities would have insignificant environmental impacts, therefore a Negative Declaration is proposed. Our findings are documented in an Initial Study that is available for public review at the Information Repository.

Why Are You Receiving This Notice?

As part of the permit issuance process, DTSC is required to hold a 45-day Public Comment Period to give public the opportunity to review the application, Draft Permit, and Draft Negative Declaration, and submit comments to DTSC regarding the Draft Permit and Draft Negative Declaration. DTSC has established two locations where you can review the application and associated documents.

Panorama City Branch Library
14345 Roscoe Boulevard
Reference Section
Panorama City, CA
(818) 756-8453

Van Nuys Branch Library
6250 Sylmar Avenue
Van Nuys, California
Reference Section
(818) 756-8453

The Full Administrative Record can be reviewed at the DTSC's Berkeley office:

Department of Toxic Substances Control
700 Heinz Avenue, Suite 200
Berkeley, California 94710
Contact: Lule Varela at 510-540-3800

How Do I Submit Comments?

The 45-day public comment period begins on **April 7, 2006** and ends **May 22, 2006**, during which time you can provide us with your written comments and questions about the Draft Permit and Draft Negative Declaration. All comments must be postmarked or emailed by close of business, **May 22, 2006**, and sent to:

Alfred Wong, Project Manager
Department of Toxic Substances Control
700 Heinz Avenue, Suite 300
Berkeley, CA 94710
Email: awong@dtsc.ca.gov

You may also submit oral and written comments at the **public hearing on May 10, 2006**. The public hearing will be held at the Panorama City Library Branch, located at 4345 Roscoe Boulevard, Panorama City, California, beginning at 6:00 pm.

At the close of the Public Comment Period, DTSC will review all comments received and make a decision to approve, modify, or deny the application.

Who Can you Contact to Get More Information?

Should you need additional information about this application, please contact Mr. Alfred Wong, DTSC Project Manager at (510) 540-3946 or by e-mail awong@dtsc.ca.gov or Mr. Jesus Cruz, DTSC Public Participation 1-866-894-4071 jcruz@dtsc.ca.gov.

For media inquiries should be directed to Ms. Jeanne Garcia at (818) 551-2176 JGarcia1@dtsc.ca.gov

Notice to Hearing Impaired Individuals

TDD users can obtain information about the Project by using the California State Relay Service (800) 735-2929. Please ask to Jesus Cruz at (916) 255-3315